

REMARKS

Please reconsider the application in view of the following remarks. Applicant thanks the Examiner for carefully considering this application.

Disposition of Claims

Claims 1-13 were pending in this application. By way of this reply, claims 9 and 13 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, claims 1-8 and 10-12 are currently pending in this application. Claims 1, 8 and 12 are independent. The remaining claims depend, directly or indirectly, from claim 1 or 8.

Claim Amendments

Claims 1 and 12 have been amended to correct minor errors. No new matter has been added by way of these amendments. Claim 8 has been amended to clarify a converter circuit. No new matter has been added, as support for this amendment may be found, for example, in original claim 1. Also, claim 8 has been amended to include all of the limitations of claim 9. Accordingly, claim 9 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, and claims 10 and 11 have been amended to depend from claim 8.

Claim Rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 8 and 13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,729,663 to Lin *et al.* (hereinafter "Lin") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,757,976 to Shu (hereinafter "Shu"). Claim 13 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer by way of this reply. Thus, this rejection with respect to claim 13 is now moot. As explained above, independent claim 8 has been amended to include all of the limitations of claim 9, which the Examiner considers

to be allowable, and is therefore believed to be immediately allowable. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 9-11 were objected to as being dependent from a rejected base claim. Claim 9 has been cancelled and incorporated into claim 8. Claims 10 and 11 have been amended to depend from claim 8. Claims 10 and 11 have been amended to depend from claim 8. Thus, claims 10 and 11 are in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

Applicant believes this reply is fully responsive to all outstanding issues and places this application in condition for allowance. If this belief is incorrect, or other issues arise, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned or his associates at the telephone number listed below. Please apply any charges not covered, or any credits, to Deposit Account 50-0591, Reference No. 04995/108001.

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